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## Nomination Period Begins for BLM's New Mexico Resource Advisory Council

The BLM is calling for nominations for the New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (RAC) to fill terms expiring this year. The 15-member BLM Resource Advisory Council provides advice and recommendations to the BLM on resource and land management issues for 13.4 million acres of public lands in New Mexico.

The 15-member New Mexico RAC is filling positions for five expiring terms. Appointed RAC membership is balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of the public lands. There are vacancies in the following two categories:

Category 1 (three vacancies): Holders of Federal grazing permits and representatives of energy and mineral development, timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, off-highway vehicle use, and commercial recreation.

Category 3 (two vacancies): Holders of State, county, or local elected office; employees of a State agency responsible for management of natural resources; members of an Indian Tribe; academicians involved in natural sciences; and the public at large.

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